

3. A combination as set forth in claim 2, wherein said surface further comprises at least an additional aperture at either end of said gemstones.

4. A combination as set forth in claim 3, wherein said connecting member comprises a tack with a head and a central pin depending therefrom.

5. A combination as set forth in claim 3 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

6. A combination as set forth in claim 3 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

7. A combination as set forth in claim 5 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

8. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

9. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

10. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

11. A combination as set forth in claim 2, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

12. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said item of jewelry is a pendant.

13. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

14. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

15. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

16. A combination as set forth in claim 12, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

17. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said surface further comprises at least an additional aperture at either end of said gemstones.

18. A combination as set forth in claim 17, wherein said connecting member comprises a tack with a head and a central pin depending therefrom.

19. A combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

20. A combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

21. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

22. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

23. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar and said pin comprises a pair of pins, wherein said at least an additional aperture

comprises two apertures through which said pair of pins in said connecting member pass to secure said gemstone to said item of jewelry.

24. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

25. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said sleeve is integrally formed from the undersurface of said surface of said item of jewelry.

26. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said gemstone comprises an oval gemstone, said aperture com-

prises an oval shape, and said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, wherein said apparatus connects a row of said oval gemstones onto the surface of said ring.

27. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stones comprise marquis stones, said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, and said connecting members bear on the ends of said marquis stones to hold said stones in place on said jewelry ring.

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28. A combination of a gemstone , an  
item of jewelry and a connecting member  
to secure said gemstone to said item of  
jewelry, said combination comprising:  
said item of jewelry having a surface to  
which said gemstone to be secured;  
said gemstone having at least one end, an  
upper surface, a lower surface, and a  
girdle in-between, said surface of said  
item of jewelry comprising an aperture  
having an opening similarly shaped and  
slightly smaller than the girdle of said  
gemstone so that said lower surface of  
said gemstone projects through said  
aperture;  
said surface of said item of jewelry  
further comprising at least one additional  
aperture located adjacent said end of said  
gemstone;  
said connecting member comprising a pin  
extending downwardly through said  
additional aperture,  
a sleeve located below said surface of

said jewelry item;

said connecting member being pushed  
downwardly on said gemstone to hold  
said gemstone in place, said sleeve being  
cold soldered to said pin to secure said  
connecting member in place.

--29. A combination as set forth in claim  
28, wherein said item of jewelry is a  
pendant.

--30. A combination as set forth in claim  
29, wherein said connecting member  
comprises a bar which straddles the  
gemstone.

--31. A combination as set forth in claim  
28, wherein said item of jewelry is a ring.

--32. A combination as set forth in claim  
31, wherein said connecting member  
comprises a bar which straddles the  
gemstone.

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-33. A combination of a gemstone , an  
item of jewelry and a connecting member  
to secure said gemstone to said item of  
jewelry, said combination comprising:

said item of jewelry having a  
surface against which said gemstone is  
secured;

said gemstone having at least one  
end, an upper surface, a lower surface,  
and a girdle in-between, said surface of  
said item of jewelry comprising an  
aperture having an opening similarly  
shaped and slightly smaller than the  
girdle of said gemstone so that said lower  
surface of said gemstone projects through  
said aperture;

said surface of said item of  
jewelry further comprising at least one  
additional aperture located adjacent said  
end of said gemstone;

said connecting member  
comprising a pin extending downwardly  
through said additional aperture;

said connecting member being  
pushed downwardly on said gemstone to  
hold said gemstone in place, said pin  
being cold soldered to said item of  
jewelry to secure said connecting member  
in place.